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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

1942

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on your Health Services for 1942, prepared in accordance with instructions contained in Circular 2773 of the Ministry of Health dated 10th March, 1943.

The year under review—the third under world war conditions, has given vital statistics better than those achieved in days of peace, more particularly we should be proud and grateful that the infantile mortality for 1942 was the lowest ever recorded in the Borough and that for the first time in its history the rate is not in excess of that for England and Wales as a whole. That this should be so is a matter for congratulation but unrelenting vigilence is called for if we are to avoid and ward off those war-made epidemics so prone to invade populations with diminished forces of resistance. To this end during the year additional steps have been taken to improve the nutrition of the people, an intensive campaign has been and is being waged to secure protection from diphtheria for those of susceptible age and special measures have been taken for the care and nurture of the expectant and nursing mother and of the children of war-workers.

My thanks are due to the Chairmen and members of the various Committees for their help and consideration, to my colleague, Dr. Allen, and every member of the staff for their loyalty and devotion to duty, and to Officers of other Departments for unfailing assistance.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

A. H. Lyneston.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Wednesbury.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Additional Sanitary Inspectors : A. H. Matthews, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. (R.A.M.C. since 11/3/40) ; W. A. Wells, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
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STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer :
A. H. Kynaston, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer :
Miss L. M. Allen, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
Consultant Obstetrician : J. S. M. Connell, F.R.C.S.
Veterinary Surgeon : H. Yeomans, M.R.C.V.S.
Chief Sanitary Inspector : F. J. Turner, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

SECTION A. Statistics :

Live Births :	Legitimate :	Total 623.	Males 320	Females 303
	Illegitimate :	Total 10.	Males 4.	Females 6
Stillbirths :	Legitimate :	Total 27.	Males 13.	Females, 14
	Illegitimate :	Total 2.	Males 1.	Females 1

Deaths : Total 327. Males 172. Females 155.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes : 2. Sepsis : 1. Other Causes : 1.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	48·9
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ..	48·1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ..	100
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	45
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	2
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	5

				Deaths			
	Mid Year	Live Births		Under		All	
Year	Population	No.	Rate	1 year	Rate	ages	Rate
1938	33,370	601	18	43	71·5	406	12·1
1939		608	18	35	57·5	385	11·5
1940		571	16·9	35	61·2	390	11·9
1941		594	17·6	38	63·7	384	11·5
1942		633	18·8	31	48·9	327	9·7

The rates for year 1939 and onwards have been calculated on the Mid-1939 population, which were given by the Registrar General as 36,650 for the calculation of Birth Rates, and 33,390 for Death Rates.

The provisional Birth-rate, Civilian Death-rate and Infantile-mortality rate for England and Wales based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns for 1942 are as follows :—Live Births, 15·8 ; Deaths, 11·6 ; Deaths under 1 year of age per 1,000 Live Births, 449. It will be noted that in each instance the rates for 1942 for the Borough of Wednesbury bear favourable comparison and that compared with the rates for the Borough for 1938, the last full peace-time year, all rates, and particularly the Infantile Mortality Rate, show great improvement.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area detailed in the Annual Report for 1938

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Infant Welfare Centres :

Albert Street ..	Mondays and Thursdays ..	2-15 p.m.
King's Hill ..	Tuesdays and Fridays ..	2-15 p.m.
Mesty Croft ..	Mondays and Thursdays ..	2-15 p.m.

The King's Hill and Mesty Croft Infant Welfare Centres continue also to serve as First Aid Posts.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN AGE GROUPS AND WARD DISTRIBUTION, Year 1942.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and over	Total	Males	Females	WARDS King's Hill	Market	Town Hall	Wood Green
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
Whooping Cough	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	2
Diphtheria	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	1	—	1	2	2	6	—	4	2	1	19	9	10	6	—	4	9
Tuberculosis, Other Forms	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	4	—	4	—	1
Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	2	—	2	—	—	—
Influenza	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	4	3	1	2	—	—	2
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Infectious Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (males only)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	2	—	—
Cancer of Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	2	—	1	1	—
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	3	9	6	3	1	3	3	2
Cancer of Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	4	—	4	2	1	1	—
Cancer of all other sites	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	9	12	28	20	8	6	6	5	11
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	5	22	32	16	16	8	6	8	10
Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	13	43	60	33	27	18	12	9	21
Other Circulatory Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	6	2	4	—	1	—	5
Bronchitis	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	6	12	24	14	10	7	2	3	12
Pneumonia	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	3	13	8	5	5	—	2	6
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	1
Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3	3	—	—	1	1	1
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	4	1	1	1	2
Appendicitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Other Digestive Diseases	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	4	12	7	5	4	3	1	4
Nephritis	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	3	4	10	7	3	3	1	3	3
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Other Maternal Causes	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Premature Birth	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	3	3	—	3	—	3
Congenital Malformations	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	4	4	2	—	—	6
Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	4	3	1	2	—	—	2
Road Traffic Accidents	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2
Other Violent Causes	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	5	12	4	8	3	2	1	6
All other Causes	1	2	—	1	1	1	2	2	4	4	26	44	18	26	11	8	8	17
TOTALS	31	12	3	4	5	4	15	15	33	58	147	327	172	155	84	59	53	131

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Infant Welfare Centres—cont.

Attendances, 1942 :—

		New Cases.		Total Attendances.		
	Sessions	Under 1 year	1—5 years	Under 1 year	1—5 years	All ages
Albert Street	102	175	16	3862	2112	5974
King's Hill	100	128	21	2453	1468	3921
Mesty Croft	102	244	52	4517	2339	6856

Total attendances (all Centres) 16,751

Percentage attendance notified live births 85

These attendances are easily a record and a percentage of 85 of the notified live births attending at the Centres is a tribute to the devoted work of the staff and shows, despite war-time work and conditions, a real appreciation of the services rendered.

Ante-Natal Clinics :

	Sessions.	New Cases.	Total Attendances.
Albert Street	48	207	588
King's Hill	24	120	377

Number of women attending during year : 395.

Percentage of Confinements during year : 59·6.

Cases booked for confinement at Hallam Hospital attend the Ante-Natal Clinic there.

Home Visits :

Ante-Natal	To Children Under 1 year.	To Children of 1-5 years.	Total Visits.
345	2939	3553	6837

Midwives :

The Staffordshire County Council is the Supervising Authority under the Midwives' Act.

Dr. Carruthers, the County Medical Officer of Health, has given me the following statistics in respect of the year 1942 :

Number of County Midwives practising in Wednesbury at 31/12/1942 5

Number of Private Midwives practising in Wednesbury at 31/12/1942 2

Number of Confinements attended by County Midwives during 1942—

As Midwives 323

As Maternity Nurses 44

Births in Institutions :

109 mothers were admitted to the Hallam Hospital of the County Borough of West Bromwich.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum :

Two cases were notified during the year ; in neither instance did impairment of vision result.

Maternal Mortality :

There were two deaths during the year associated with child-birth—the usual enquiries were instituted and reports duly completed for the Ministry of Health.

Child Life Protection :

Under Sections 206 to 220 of the Public Health Act, 1936, one child was being received for reward at the end of the year.

Nutrition :

The Government Departments responsible for food and health are determined that, whoever else goes short, expectant mothers and children under five shall have all the food and vitamins needed for robust health. At the end of the year approximately 2,600 children under 5 years of age had received authorities to receive supplies of cod liver oil and fruit juices either free or at the cheap price at which these vitamin preparations are available and the sales indicate that this wise provision is being very fully utilised. Expectant mothers too are similarly provided for and in addition are receiving supplements of a medicinal iron preparation through the Ante-natal Clinics.

There are increased milk allowances, either liquid or National Dried Milk for both these classes. In the successful maintenance of Maternal and Infant health these provisions have been of incalculable value.

War-time Day Nurseries :

At the end of the year two day nurseries were in operation—both were of the pre-fabricated type as supplied by the Ministry of Health with accommodation for 40 children, 12 under two years of age and 28 of from 2 to 5—they are sited on open spaces in districts where the need was felt to be greatest.

The Walton Road Nursery (Matron, Mrs. D. D. Cowie, S.R.N.), was opened on the 10th of November, and the Rowley View Nursery (Matron, Miss D. Reynolds, S.R.N.), on the 7th of December—Miss Reynolds, prior to that date, having been Matron at Walton Road. The nurseries are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., each week-day, are light, airy, well-equipped and served by a devoted trained staff and will, I feel confident, when the innovation has become more familiar, prove to be greatly appreciated.

SECTION C :

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water :

Sources of supply are as detailed in the report for the year 1938. Chemical and bacteriological tests have shown a maintenance of the customary high standard.

Drainage and Sewerage :

Mr. Arthur Booth, M.I.M.C.E., F.R.I.B.A., M.I.Struct.E., Borough Engineer, reports that there have been no extensions during the year. As regards rivers and streams, obstructions have been removed and clearing of worst places carried out.

SECTION D :

HOUSING.

With an entire cessation of building and great increase in overcrowding the Housing Problem is assuming grave dimensions and the Committee are making every preparation for an extensive programme of building immediately hostilities cease.

SECTION E :

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Dr. W. D. Carruthers, the County Medical Officer of Health, has forwarded me the following particulars of samples taken during the year :—

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Article of Food.	No. of Samples.	Genuine.	Adulterated.
Milk	11	11	–
General Foods	16	14	2

Twenty-seven samples were submitted for analysis, consisting of 11 milk and 16 general foods, all of which were genuine with the exception of the following two :—

A sample labelled "Malt Flavoured Vinegar," was submitted to the Analyst, who certified that the article contained 20% of malt vinegar. As it was thought that the label tended to mislead the purchaser, the matter was taken up with the manufacturers.

Following a complaint from the Manageress of the British Restaurant, an informal sample of Milk Powder Substitute was submitted to the Analyst. It was reported that in his opinion the article was not a proper substitute for Milk Powder. The matter was taken up with the manufacturers, who agreed to return the money for the total quantity purchased if the remainder of the stock was returned to them, and this action was taken.

Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders.

Designation.	Total Samples.	Cleanliness.		T.B.
		Satis.	Unsatis.	
Ordinary Milk ..	5 *1	—	5	—
Pasteurised ..	1	—	1	—

The Pasteurised sample satisfied the phosphatase test for pasteurisation.

* No Biological Test. (One sample).

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

A table giving the incidence of infectious disease in age groups and ward distribution is appended.

Scarlet Fever of a mild type was prevalent throughout the year and the severe winter weather occasioned an increased incidence of respiratory infection but such influenza as occurred was mild in type, short-lived and never assumed epidemic proportion.

There has been a noticeable shifting in the incidence of Diphtheria to those of older age groups—this tendency is a matter meriting careful observation.

195 Throat Swabs were sent to the County Laboratory, 22 being positive for Diphtheria, 173 negative.

Immunisation against Diphtheria :

During 1942 1,806 children received protective treatment against this dread disease ; 960 of these children were between the ages of one and five years and 846 over 5 years of age. Since September, 1936, when protective treatment was commenced 4,459 children have received treatment, 1,562 under five years of age, 2,897 over the age of five, and at the end of the year on a conservative estimate the percentage of children under five immunised was 56, over five 52, the percentages at the end of 1941 were 40 and 25 respectively.

The increase has been due in no small measure to the national publicity campaign, inaugurated by the Ministry of Health—and it is hoped with a fuller realisation of its value that every child will, as a matter of routine, receive this protective treatment immediately after its first birthday with a further re-inforcing treatment on entry to school life.

We are indebted to Dr. Allen for her keenness and assiduity in this work.

Hospital Accommodation for Cases of Infectious Disease :

This is now provided by the West Midlands Joint Hospital Board and we are indebted to their Medical Officer and Nursing Staff for much help and co-operation.

Tuberculosis :

The Quarterly Return made at the 31st December, 1942, showed that 165 cases were on the Register of Notifications, a table will be found on page .. giving the new cases and mortality for the years 1939 to 1942. The number on the Register for 1938 was 173 ; 1939, 164 ; 1940, 163 ; 1941, 158. It will be seen that the Borough shows no marked increased incidence such as has been noted in England and Wales as a whole.

233 Sputum Tests were carried out at the County Laboratory, 38 being positive, 195 negative.

Vaccination :

Dr. G. E. V. Morris, the Public Vaccinator, has rendered the following return for 1942 :—

Number of Births		485
Vaccinations	51	
Insusceptible	1	
Declarations	350	
Deaths	14	
Postponements	25	
Removals and not found ..	20	
To be accounted for	24	
		485

If the shocking state of vaccination continues, Wednesbury will very soon become a town of unvaccinated people.

GEORGE E. V. MORRIS,
Public Vaccinator.

18/4/1943.

Scabies :

There was no marked increase during the year of this contagious skin disease consequent on war-time conditions such as overcrowding and slackening of standards of personal cleanliness. The provisions of the Scabies Order of October 28th, 1941, were duly carried out—happily without the requirement of written orders. Persons affected have as the result of personal visits welcomed the provisions made to help them—treatment from July onwards was in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Revised Memorandum—Treatment of Scabies—issued in June, 1942.

" The health of the people is really the foundation upon which their happiness and all their powers as a State depend."

—DISRAELI.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)

IN AGE GROUPS AND WARD DISTRIBUTION, 1942.

DISEASE.	AGE GROUPS.												Total cases notified	WARDS.				Cases Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over		King's Hill	Market	Town Hall	Wood Green		
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	3	1	1	—	1	—	—
Continued and Relapsing Fever	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Diarrhœa	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
Diphtheria	–	–	–	1	1	9	7	10	6	–	–	–	34	13	4	7	10	29	1
Dysentery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Encephalitis Lethargica (Acute)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Enteric Fever	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	3	3	2	10	2	2	1	5	–	–
Influenza	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Malaria	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Measles	5	3	6	8	5	9	2	–	–	–	–	–	38	13	4	1	20	–	–
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	1	–	–
Paratyphoid	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Plague	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pneumonia	–	2	1	1	2	3	4	2	13	7	14	2	51	18	8	5	20	–	13
Polio-Encephalitis (Acute)	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–
Poliomyelitis (Acute)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	5	1	1	–	3	4	–
Puerperal Sepsis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Scarlet Fever	–	2	8	12	17	100	26	6	6	–	–	–	177	39	14	40	84	37	1
Small-pox	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Typhus Fever	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Whooping Cough	16	10	18	19	21	48	1	–	1	–	–	–	134	24	14	28	68	–	2
TOTAL	24	17	34	41	46	169	42	20	31	10	17	4	455	111	49	83	212	70	26

TUBERCULOSIS—NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942.

Age Groups	NEW CASES.																DEATHS.															
	Respiratory.								Non-Respiratory.								Respiratory.								Non-Respiratory.							
	Males.				Females.				Males.				Females.				Males.				Females.				Males.				Females			
	1939	1940	1941	1942	1939	1940	1941	1942	1939	1940	1941	1942	1939	1940	1941	1942	1939	1940	1941	1942	1939	1940	1941	1942	1939	1940	1941	1942	1939	1940	1941	1942
0—1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	2	1
1—5	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	2	–	2	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	1	1	–	3	1
5—15	1	–	–	–	1	–	4	1	2	4	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1
15—25	8	6	3	4	4	1	5	9	1	2	–	–	–	–	2	–	4	3	2	–	–	3	6	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
25—35	2	8	4	6	7	3	7	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	–	6	3	2	1	3	3	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
35—45	3	2	6	2	2	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	3	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
45—55	4	3	2	5	1	1	1	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	3	2	3	3	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
55—65	1	2	1	1	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
65 & over	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Totals	20	21	16	20	15	6	18	18	7	6	2	4	1	4	4	4	15	11	12	9	5	5	12	10	4	3	–	1	1	1	7	4

CAUSES OF DEATH UNDER ONE YEAR IN AGE GROUPS AND WARD DISTRIBUTION.

Year 1942.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	TOTAL	WARDS. King's Hill	Market	Town Hall	Wood Green
Scarlet Fever	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Whopping Cough	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Diphtheria	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
All other forms of Tuberculosis ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	1
Syphilis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Measles	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions ..	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Heart Disease	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bronchitis	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	2	–	–	–	2
Pneumonia	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	1	4	2	–	1	1
Diarrhœa	–	–	–	–	–	1	4	–	–	5	1	1	1	2
Premature Birth	6	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	6	–	3	–	3
Congenital Malformations, etc. ..	3	–	–	1	4	3	1	–	–	8	2	–	–	6
Meningitis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
All other causes	1	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	–	3	–	1	1	1
TOTALS	11	–	–	1	12	6	9	3	1	31	5	5	3	18

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF WEDNESBURY.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

For the year 1st January to 31st December, 1942, I submit the following brief details of the work carried out by my Department. As last year, I am avoiding elaboration as there still appears no special need for a fuller report.

Public Health Acts—Inspections :

After complaints	483
Verminous conditions and disinfestation	19
Number of houses disinfested—	
Council houses	35
Other houses	8
Lots of bedding disinfested	25
Infectious disease—visits and enquiries	252
Works in progress	52
Smoke Abatement—	
Observations	4
Visits to plants	5
Common lodging houses	1
Filthy conditions	11
Refuse tips	39
Miscellaneous	124
Re-inspections	356
Piggeries inspected	24

Housing Act :

Miscellaneous visits and enquiries	37

Food and Drugs Act and Milk and Dairies :

Number of visits to slaughterhouses	326
Number of carcases inspected	8365
Total weight of meat condemned and surrendered	6 tons, 1 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.
Inspections of food other than meat	21
Total weight of other food condemned and surrendered—	2 tons, 0 cwt. 1 qr. 20¼ lbs.
Food preparing premises inspected	7
Fish frying premises inspected	3
Dairies inspected	1
Food shops inspected	41
Bakehouses inspected	11
Sampling	11

Factories Act :

Factories with power—inspected	13
Re-inspections	11

Rats and Mice Destruction Act.

Premises inspected	24
Re-inspections	41

Miscellaneous :

Salvage, A.R.P., etc.	610

Collection and Disposal of Refuse :

Total weight of refuse collected (estimated), including 200 tons dealt with by incineration	7,063 tons
Total weight of materials salvaged	679 tons

At the end of April I lost the services of Mr. G. H. Suggitt, Additional Sanitary Inspector, and was unable until August to get the vacancy filled. You appointed Mr. W. A. Wells to the post and I have pleasure in recording his most earnest co-operation and sympathetic handling of the varied tasks allotted to him.

In October, Junior Clerk S. Matthewson joined H.M. Navy and Geoffrey T. Amos was appointed to fill this vacancy ; he has co-operated very well with Mr. Higgs, and to all the staff I express my appreciation.

In spite of these changes and the general adverse conditions of war-time, I feel the progress and work of the Department has been maintained.

I thank all members of the Council for their co-operation.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FREDK. J. TURNER,

Chief Sanitary Inspector,

M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Department,

Wednesbury.